

PLEASE AMEND THE CLAIMS AS INDICATED BELOW:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder ~~control unit~~ system as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 19, wherein said image pickup device is a miniature camera attached to said viewfinder, ~~which is operable to detect the face of the television camera operator on the basis of an image output of said miniature camera.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder ~~control unit~~ system as claimed in claim 2, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein said controller includes a circuit responsive to a flesh color portion on the face of the television camera operator in the image output from said image pickup device.

4. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder ~~control unit~~ system as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 19, wherein said viewfinder comprises a liquid crystal display.

5. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder ~~control unit~~ system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said miniature camera is rotatably attached to said viewfinder to make panning and/or tilting possible for capturing an accessory worn on the television camera operator.

6. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder ~~control unit~~ system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the accessory to be captured by said miniature camera comprises a weakly luminous object own on the television camera operator.

7. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder ~~control unit~~ system as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 19, further comprising:
a memory for storing information on a preset position of said viewfinder; and
a preset control circuit operative to return said viewfinder to the preset position in accordance with the information on the preset position stored in said memory.

Claim 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A television camera ~~comprising~~ including the viewfinder control unit ~~system~~ as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 19, ~~such that whereby~~ the viewfinder is always trained on the face of the television camera operator independently of panning and/or tilting of said television camera.

10. (Currently Amended) A viewfinder control unit ~~system~~ attached to a television camera, said viewfinder control unit ~~system~~ comprising:

a viewfinder which displays an image of the field of view of the television camera;

an image pickup device operative to pick up a generate an output representative of the face of a television camera operator;

a calculation circuit operative to calculate a central position of the face of the television camera operator in response to said face image output of said image pickup device; and

a control circuit operative to drive a motor for panning and/or tilting said viewfinder in response to the central position calculated.

11. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder control unit ~~system~~ as claimed in claim 10, wherein said image pickup device is a miniature camera attached to said viewfinder, and further including an image processing device which is operative to detect the face of the television camera operator from an image output of said miniature camera.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder control unit ~~system~~ as claimed in claim 10, wherein said viewfinder comprises liquid crystal display.

14. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder control-unit system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said miniature camera is rotatably attached to said viewfinder to make panning and/or tilting possible for capturing an accessory worn on the television camera operator.

15. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder control-unit system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the accessory to be captured by said miniature camera comprises a weakly luminous object worn on the television camera operator.

16. (Currently Amended) The viewfinder control-unit system as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

a memory operative to store information on a preset position of said viewfinder; and
a preset control circuit operative to return said viewfinder to the present position in accordance with the information on the preset position stored in said memory.

Claim 17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A television camera comprising including the viewfinder control-unit system as claimed in claim 10, such that the viewfinder is always trained on the face of the television camera operator independently of panning and/or tilting of said television camera.

19. (New) A television camera viewfinder system comprising:
a viewfinder operative to display an image of the field of view of a television camera;
a mounting mechanism for movably supporting the viewfinder; and
a viewfinder control system, said control system comprising:
an image pickup device adapted to generate an output representative of an image of the face of a television camera operator; and
a controller responsive the output signal from said image pickup device to operate said viewfinder mounting mechanism to maintain said viewfinder substantially on axis with the line of sight of the television camera operator.